

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 502

**Introduced by Assembly Member Canciamilla
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Daucher, Wolk, and Wyland)**

February 14, 2003

An act to add Section 9029.7 to the Government Code, relating to the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 502, as introduced, Canciamilla. Legislature: recording of proceedings.

Existing law, in the California Constitution and statute, provides that the proceedings of the Legislature must be open and public and that legislative records are open to the inspection of the public, except that a house of the Legislature may hold a closed session for certain matters relating to employees and Members of the Legislature, matters affecting the safety and security of Members of the Legislature or its employees, to confer with legal counsel or certain matters, and to hold a caucus composed of members of the same political party.

This bill would require the Joint Committee on Rules to digitally record and index all meetings of the Legislature, as defined under existing law, except for closed sessions as authorized by existing law. It would require the State Library to maintain an archive of these recordings, open to public inspection.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 9029.7 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:
3 9029.7. (a) Except with regard to closed sessions pursuant to
4 Section 9029, the Joint Committee on Rules shall provide for the
5 digital recording, in both audio and video format, of all meetings
6 of the Legislature, as defined in Section 9027.
7 (b) The Joint Committee on Rules shall index and preserve
8 these recordings and shall provide a copy of each to the State
9 Library. The State Library shall maintain an archive of these
10 recordings for inspection by the public.

